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Hochseeschiffbau Schiffswerft Wismar VVB VEB

1. Ship Repairs

a. VAGA and VYCHEGDA

Repairs are nearly completed and, subsequent to trials, only a few items need completion. The ships should have been delivered on 17 January 1952 and the new delivery date is not known. The crews consist of 30 men of the merchant marine for each ship. Both ships are under the command of a Captain Aland. Russian crews joined these ships only recently. Dual command under one captain is a temporary measure.

b. KOOPERATSIA.

The ship is about 65% completed. The contract for engine repairs is not at present known.

c. KALININGRAD

-- Work on this ship is halted owing to shortage of materials.

d. LEN-SOVIET

No repairs are at present being made on board this ship.

2. The following ships are undergoing minor repairs in the dockyard:

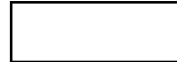
E. ISTR

A Russian merchant vessel of approximately 4,000 B.R.T. The crew is Russian merchant marine.

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b. AKADEMIK KOMAROV

A Russian motor vessel of approximately 1,200 B.R.T.

3. The SMOLENSK was to arrive at the shipyard within a few days after 20 January.

4. Shipbuilding.

a. A cargo motor vessel for operation on the Volga River is to be constructed in the dockyard, but no plans have as yet been received.

b. Two floating cranes are to be constructed, one for Wismar and the other for Warnemuende. They are to have a lifting capacity of 100 tons. The cranes will be delivered from the firm of Stahlbau Halle, VVB ABUS.

c. Laying the keel for Type I, the new type of DDR merchant vessel, has been postponed indefinitely because of shortage of materials.

5. At present only one German merchant vessel is known to be operating on the Baltic coast. This vessel, the VORWAERTS is believed to operate between Warnemuende and the USSR.

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